1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Raupach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Felt
1 - Mr. Sullivan

March 6, 1967

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

[redacted] has advised a representative of this Bureau that he has been extremely concerned over the activities of New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. He stated Garrison has absolutely no basis for his present publicity stunt in claiming that he has reason to believe Oswald acted as a part of a conspiracy in the assassination. [redacted] stated Garrison is a "psychopath" who has to have publicity, otherwise he falls into "fits of moodiness and depression." [redacted] commented that he felt Garrison's activities, unless stopped and exposed, are damaging to the FBI and likely to hurt the entire country.

[redacted] with reference to the prosecution of Garrison for defamation which was handled by Attorney General Gremillion. He advised Gremillion obtained a conviction of Garrison, but the United States Supreme Court reversed the case.

[redacted] and that he is convinced this file contains the ground work for developing a good extortion case on Garrison which would prove that Garrison is involved in a big "shakedown" racket wherein Garrison and a couple of others are "shaking down" hundreds of sex deviates in the New Orleans French Quarter. [redacted] advised that he has information indicating that Garrison himself might be a sex deviate or at least he is a participant in some deviate activities with other homosexuals.

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1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)
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NOTE: See H. L. Edwards to Mr. Felt memo 3-2-67, captioned "Jim Garrison, District Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana; John F. Kennedy Assassination Case," HLE:mbk.

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[redacted] After the Garrison case was reversed on appeal, Attorney General Gremillion washed his hands of any further efforts to "get" Garrison and, therefore, [redacted]

It is alleged by [redacted] contains the names of several hundred individuals in the French Quarter who were charged by Garrison's office with some sex deviate violation. In many of these cases, [redacted] after the individual was charged, suddenly the case was either dropped by Garrison or the charge was reduced to some minor offense. In still other cases [redacted] there was a clear-cut indication that Garrison's office had maneuvered the case so that it would be handled by another judge and thereby the individual would be acquitted, the charge dismissed, or he would be given a suspended sentence. [redacted] there are the earmarks of a definite pattern of maneuvering and control by the District Attorney's office and he is convinced that if the FBI dug into these cases and developed a few informants, the FBI would be able without too much difficulty to establish the fact that Garrison was shaking down these individuals for considerable sums of money and after they paid off, Garrison would see that the case was cleared up.

In addition, [redacted] advised there is another individual named Persian Gervais, who was formerly with the District Attorney's office and was forced to resign after some adverse publicity indicating income tax fraud. According to [redacted] the Internal Revenue Service has an extensive file on Gervais which would document this information. [redacted] stated Gervais is a homosexual and, despite the fact that he was forced out of the District Attorney's office, he still has Garrison "under his thumb." [redacted] alleged that almost every day Garrison and Gervais can be found in the back room at the Fontainebleau Motel in New Orleans. [redacted] believes that Gervais could be involved in this shakedown racket with Garrison.